STATE FORESTER PROHIBITION OF FIRE CAUSING ACTIVITIES AND FIREWORKS ON STATE TRUST LANDS

ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT FORESTRY DIVISION

Pursuant to the provisions of ARS § 37-623, the State Forester has declared the existence of a statewide wildland fire emergency and the State Forester has declared a prohibition on open fires, fireworks, and smoking on ALL State Trust Lands within Gila and Mohave counties.

The following restrictions on fire causing activities will be in effect from May 15, through July 31, 2005, or until further notice, on all State Trust Lands within Gila and Mohave counties. This is in addition to the restrictions currently in place for La Paz, Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma counties:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal burning device, except as specifically permitted by the State Forester on a case-by-case basis. Petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are exempt from these restrictions.
- Using fireworks, as defined in ARS § 36-1601.
- Smoking, except within a closed vehicle, building, developed campground or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

These restrictions also apply to all lease and permit holders.

Any State, federal, or local fire or law enforcement officer, or member of an organized firefighting force is exempt from these prohibitions while in the performance of their official firefighting duties.

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